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Cal OES Internal Statewide Incident Briefing  
2000 hours, August 14, 2020



A Sikorsky S-70A Firehawk with the L.A. County Fire Air Operations drops a load of water through thick smoke.

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## National Terrorism Advisory System



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- Report attached

# SITUATION SUMMARY

## Cal OES Activation Status

State Operations Center	Inland Regional EOC	Coastal Regional EOC	Southern Regional EOC
Level 1	Normal Operations	Normal Operations	Normal Operations

### Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)

The Cal OES State Operations Center (SOC) activated 03/02/20 at 0700 hours in support of the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) Medical Health Coordination Center's (MHCC) statewide response to COVID-19. Cal OES will continue to provide resource coordination for the COVID-19 event, as well as situation status reporting and advance planning across multiple areas.

### Situation Overview

- **California State of Emergency Proclamation**

On 03/04/20, Governor Gavin Newsom declared a State of Emergency for California, as a result of the global COVID-19 outbreak that began in December 2019, to make additional resources available, formalize emergency actions already underway across multiple state agencies and departments, and help the state prepare for broader spread of COVID-19.

- **Executive Order N-33-20**

On 03/19/20, the California State Public Health Officer and Director of the California Department of Public Health ordered all individuals living in the State of California to stay home or at their place of residence, except as needed to maintain Continuity of Operations of the Federal critical infrastructure sectors.

- **Global Health Advisory**

On 03/19/20, the U.S. Department of State issued a Global Health Advisory at Level 4 (Do Not Travel) due to the global impact of COVID-19.

- **FEMA-4482-DR-CA**

On 03/22/20, President Trump approved Major Declarations FEMA-4482-DR-CA (DR-4482) for the COVID-19 Pandemic.

### **Confirmed Global COVID-19 Cases – Per Worldometers COVID-19 Live Updates as of 08/14/20 at 1000 hours:**

- 21,185,108 (+237,633) total confirmed cases in 213 countries
- 759,529 (+9,583) total deaths

### **Confirmed United States COVID-19 Case – Per Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) as of 08/14/20 at 1100 hours:**

- 5,228,817 (+52,799) total confirmed cases
- 166,317 (+1,169) total deaths

### **Confirmed California COVID-19 Cases - Per Medical Health Coordination Center as of 08/14/20 at 1100 hours:**

- 601,075 (+7,934) total confirmed cases

- Please see attached California Health & Human Services (CHHS) Agency / Cal OES Joint Situation Report for additional details.



# **SITUATION SUMMARY**

## **August 14 Heat Event**

Phase II actions of the California Heat Contingency Plan are taken as a result of the National Weather Service's (NWS) issuance of Excessive Heat Warnings with poor overnight recovery for an Operational Area over a period typically three or more days. Phase II of the Heat Contingency Plan has been activated from Friday, 08/14/20 through Wednesday, 08/19/20, due to forecasts of dangerous and excessive heat for portions of Inland, Coastal, and Southern Regions.

Per NWS:

- High Risk and Very High Risk heat impacts across portions of Inland and Southern Regions expected beginning Friday into next week.
- Heat events such as this are not unusual for this time of year, however, the extended heat wave with poor overnight recovery can be dangerous.
- Several heat-related warnings are in effect through Wednesday in affected areas.
- See the attached Cal OES Situation Cell incident report for additional information.

## **Cal ISO Stage 2 System Emergency**

On 08/14/20 at 1845 hours, the California State Warning Center (CSWC) was notified by Cal ISO of a statewide Stage 3 System Emergency due to Cal ISO becoming reserve deficient. The notice is valid from 1800 hours through 2359 hours today. Current total customer outages is 382,000. All three IOUs are participating in the rolling blackouts through out the State. Current blackout periods are lasting 1-3 hours. Cal ISO is in the process of returning power to the IOUs to bring customers back online.

## **Cal OES INLAND REGION**

- See COVID-19 section
- See Fire Activity slides
- See August 13 Heat Event section
- [See Cal ISO Stage 2 System Emergency section](#)

## **Cal OES COASTAL REGION**

- See COVID-19 section
- See August 13 Heat Event section
- [See Cal ISO Stage 2 System Emergency section](#)

## **Cal OES SOUTHERN REGION**

- See COVID-19 section
- See Fire Activity slides
- See August 13 Heat Event section
- [See Cal ISO Stage 2 System Emergency section](#)

## **FIRE ACTIVITY**

### **Cal OES Fire Preparedness Levels**

<b>National</b>	<b>Northern California</b>	<b>Southern California</b>
<b>Preparedness Level 4</b>	<b>Preparedness Level 3</b>	<b>Preparedness Level 3</b>
	<b>Multi-Agency Coordination System MACS Mode: 2</b>	<b>Multi-Agency Coordination System MACS Mode: 2</b>

Note: The National and Regional Preparedness Levels are maintained by the National Multi-Agency Coordination (MAC) Group and are separate from Cal OES activation levels.

#### **Cal OES Fire Missions**

##### **2019-FIRE-402**

- Personnel assigned to fuel reduction efforts in CAL FIRE Units: Shasta/Trinity, Nevada/Yuba/Placer, San Benito/Monterey and Fresno/Kings.
  - Five 20-person Hand Crews each and all necessary personnel, support, transportation and materials.
  - 65 additional soldiers to be trained and ready to backfill.
  - Assigned to fuel reduction efforts in SHU, NEU, BEU, and FKU (1 Crew in each unit with the exception of 2 crews in FKU)

#### **COVID-19 Missions**

- Please see attached California Health & Human Services (CHHS) Agency / Cal OES Joint Situation Report for additional details.

#### **Pre-Position Resources**

- [None reported](#)

# **FIRE ACTIVITY**

## **Cal OES INLAND REGION**

### **Stagecoach, Vegetation Fire, Tehachapi, Kern County**

Location: Stagecoach Dr. x Piute Meadow Rd. 9 miles south of Lake Isabella

Jurisdiction: Local/Federal DPA, SRA/FRA, Contract County/Central California District/Sequoia National Forest

Start Date/Time: 08/03/20 at 1529 hours

Per Cal OES Duty Officers and ICS-209 as of 08/14/20 at 0801 hours:

- 7,760 acres, grass and brush, 99% contained
- Minimal fire behavior with creeping and smoldering
- Unified Command with USFS, BLM and Kern County Fire
- Incident will transition back to local unit on 08/14/20 at 0700 hours

### **Deployments**

- 1 Cal OES Fire and Rescue Branch Assistant Chief
- 3 Cal OES Public Safety Communications Technicians

## **Cal OES COASTAL REGION**

- Nothing significant to report.

## **Cal OES SOUTHERN REGION**

### **Apple, Vegetation Fire, Riverside County**

Location: Appletree Ln. x Oak Glen Rd., Cherry Valley

Jurisdiction: State/Federal/Local DPA, SRA/FRA/LRA, Riverside Unit/San Bernardino Unit/San Bernardino National Forest/Morongo Indian Reservation/City of Banning

Start Date/Time: 07/31/20 at 1659 hours

Per Cal OES Duty Officers and ICS-209 as of 08/14/20 at 0801 hours:

- 33,424 acres, grass, brush and timber, 90% contained
- High temperatures, low humidity and steep, rugged terrain continue to increase potential for heat illness and injury to first responders
- Continued demobilization of resources
- CA IMT 1, Team 2, is in command
- Unified Command CAL FIRE and USFS



# **FIRE ACTIVITY**

## **Cal OES SOUTHERN REGION (Continued)**

### **Apple, Vegetation Fire, Riverside County (Continued)**

#### **Activations**

- San Bernardino County EOC is activated at a Level 3 (lowest)

#### **Deployments**

- 1 Cal OES Fire and Rescue Branch Assistant Chief
- 2 Cal OES Public Safety Communications Technicians

#### **FMAG**

- On 08/02/20 at 1558 hours, an updated FMAG request was received from the incident.
  - On 08/02/20 at 2033 hours, the FMAG was approved by FEMA, #FEMA-5325-FM-CA

#### **Road Closures**

- Road closures remain in place for San Geronio Wilderness Area and the Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail

#### **Proclamations**

- On 08/04/20, the County of Riverside submitted a Proclamation of a Local Emergency, The County is requesting a Governor's Proclamation and CDAA funding.
- On 08/04/20, the City of Banning submitted a Proclamation of a Local Emergency. The City is requesting a Governor's Proclamation and a Federal Declaration.

#### **Critical Infrastructure**

- Per CUEA as of 08/12/20, 1053 hours:
  - There is no further Apple Fire threat to SCE infrastructure.
  - 126 poles were destroyed and require replacement. SCE Fire Management has indicated the poles requiring helicopter sets won't begin for about another week.
  - There is no threat to any of our telecom sites but MWD Detention Comm Site sustained fire damage to equipment on the tower.
  - A total of 9 customers are without power and currently on non-SCE generation.

#### **Health and Medical**

- EMSA is on standby for deployment of medical resources to support additional evacuations of SNFs or acute care facilities.

# **FIRE ACTIVITY**

## **Cal OES SOUTHERN REGION (Continued)**

### **Lake, Vegetation Fire, Los Angeles County**

Location: Lake Hughes Rd x Prospect Rd, 7 miles southwest of Lake Hughes

Jurisdiction: Federal DPA, FRA, Angeles National Forest

Start Date/Time: 08/12/20 at 1549 hours

Per Cal OES Duty Officers and ICS-209 as of 08/14/20 at 0801 hours:

- 11,637 acres, grass and brush, 12% contained
- Extreme fire behavior with spotting, backing, flanking and group torching
- Structures remain threatened
- Poor air quality and excessive heat will present a high risk to personnel
- Threat to Leona Valley, Lake Elizabeth, Pine Cyn., Quail Lake, Three Points, Historic Ridge Route and Inventoried Roadless areas
- Rural properties with livestock and large animals are in the affected area.
- Regional water supply systems is threatened
- Road closures in the area
- Rugged terrain with drought stricken fuels, heavy fuel loading, high temperatures and low RH's are contributing to the difficulty of suppressing the fire
- Numerous timber stands across the burned area will produce snags and compromise trees that are a hazard to firefighters
- Fire is burning in 2013 Powerhouse footprint
- CA IMT 1, Team 5, in command
- Unified Command USFS and Los Angeles County Fire

### **Deployments**

- 1 Cal OES Fire and Rescue Branch Assistant Chief
- 1 Cal OES Law Enforcement Branch Assistant Chief

### **FMAG**

- On 08/12/20 at 2016 hours, an FMAG request was received from the Los Angeles County Fire Department. The FMAG was placed on hold at 2110 hours.
- On 08/12/20 at 2138 hours, an updated FMAG request was received from the Los Angeles County Fire Department. The FMAG was placed on hold at 2201 hours.



# **FIRE ACTIVITY**

## **Cal OES SOUTHERN REGION (Continued)**

### **Lake, Vegetation Fire, Los Angeles (Continued)**

#### **Evacuations**

- Mandatory evacuations are in place for 400 people as follows:
  - Lake Hughes Rd. West of Pine Cyn. and North of Dry Gulch Rd.
  - East of Ridge Route Rd.
  - West of Lake Hughes Rd. and Fire Station 78
  - North of Pine Cyn. and Lake Hughes Rd.
  - South of SR-138

#### **Road Closures**

- San Francisquito Cyn. Rd. from Stater Ln. to Spunky Cyn.
- 3 Points Rd. from Hwy 138 to Pine Cyn.
- Old Ridge Route from Hwy 138 to Pine Cyn.
- Lake Hughes Rd. from Ridge Route Rd. to Pine Cyn.

#### **Shelters**

- Red Cross is using hotel vouchers to assist evacuees for the Lake Fire in Los Angeles County
  - 3 families have been placed into hotel rooms

#### **Evacuation Centers**

- Highland High School (39055 25th St W, Palmdale, CA 93551).
- Castaic Complex Sports Center (31230 Castaic Rd., Castaic).
- COVID screenings being performed by ARC staff at both locations

#### **Animal Shelter**

- Large Animals Evacuations
  - Antelope Valley Fairgrounds (2551 W Avenue H, Lancaster, CA 93536)
  - Castaic Lake DACC Facility (31044 Charlie Cyn. Rd, Castaic, CA 91384)
- Small Animal Evacuations
  - Palmdale DACC Facility (38550 Sierra Hwy, Palmdale, CA 93550)
  - Lancaster DACC Facility (5210 W Ave I, Lancaster, CA 93536)

# **FIRE ACTIVITY**

## **Cal OES SOUTHERN REGION (Continued)**

### **Lake, Vegetation Fire, Los Angeles (Continued)**

#### **Critical Infrastructure**

- Per CUEA:
  - Power lines are not threatened at this time
  - [Regional water supply is stable and working properly](#)
  - Threat to non-commercial communications infrastructures for local, regional, and FAA communications systems
  - Monitoring the incident and close contact with local utility companies

### **Ranch 2, Vegetation Fire, Los Angeles County**

Location: North San Gabriel Cyn. Rd x Ranch Rd, San Gabriel Cyn.

Jurisdiction: Federal/Local DPA, FRA/LRA, Angeles National Forest/Los Angeles County

Start Date/Time: 08/13/20 at 1449 hours

Per Cal OES Duty Officers and ICS-209 as of 08/14/20 at 0801 hours:

- 2,500 acres, grass and brush, [3%](#) contained.
- Extreme rate of spread with uphill runs, long-range spotting
- Structures threatened
- High Temps and low relative humidity will result in extreme fire behavior
- Fire is spreading into steep and inaccessible terrain
- 2 MAFFS assigned
- Unified command with USFS and Los Angeles County

#### **Road Closure**

- SR 39 between San Gabriel River Bridge and East Fork Rd.
  - Route will remain for the next 72 hours

#### **Evacuations**

- All mandatory evacuation orders have been lifted

#### **Evacuation Center**

- Temporary Evacuation Point at Azusa Pacific University – West Campus,
  - 601 E Foothill Blvd., Azusa, CA 91702

# MAJOR ROAD / HIGHWAY / BRIDGE CLOSURES

Major Road Closures		
Northern California	Central California	Southern California
No Lifeline Route Closures	No Lifeline Route Closures	No Lifeline Route Closures

## Lifeline Routes:

- There are no Lifeline Route closures.

## Non-Lifeline Routes:

- Click [here](#) for a list of current road closures.

## Wildfire Closures:

- See Fire Activity slides.

## Emergency Center Activations:

- Please see attached California Health & Human Services (CHHS) Agency / Cal OES Joint Situation Report for additional details.

## Interactive Travel Forecast Map Based on Weather Conditions Provided by National Weather Service (Prototype)

- <http://www.wrh.noaa.gov/wrh/travel/?wfo=mtr>



Click on the Caltrans Logo to check  
current Hwy. conditions.  
You can also call 1-800-427-7623 for  
current Hwy. conditions.



# CALIFORNIA 911 SYSTEM

## California 911 Outages

Northern California	Central California	Southern California
No 911 Outages	No 911 Outages	No 911 Outages

### Outage/Remote/Community Isolations

- [None reported.](#)

### Service Interruptions

- None reported.

# **WEATHER OF CONCERN**

## **NORTHERN CALIFORNIA**

- Excessive Heat Warnings have been issued for multiple counties through early next week.

## **SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA**

- Excessive Heat Warnings have been issued for multiple counties through early next week.

**Weather Advisories, Watches, and Warnings currently active in California:**

<http://www.wrh.noaa.gov/hazardSummary/?state=ca>

**Active Weather Warnings, Watches and Advisories by County:**

<http://www.wrh.noaa.gov/hazardSummary/?state=ca&bycounty=1>

# WEATHER KEY POINTS

**08/14/20 - 08/20/20**

## Friday-Thursday

- A prolonged heat wave is expected across Interior and Southern regions over the next week or two
  - **High to very high heat impacts likely Friday through next week for the interior valleys and inland southern CA. This heat wave may last through the end of August.**
- Elevated fire weather concerns continue as mainly dry conditions prevail and locally gusty winds occur in and around the terrain
- Isolated afternoon/evening thunderstorms possible across the high Sierra each day through next week.
  - A few new fire starts possible with dry lightning and gusty, erratic winds near storms





# CALIFORNIA WEATHER IMPACTS

08/14/20 - 08/20/20

<u>Hazards / Day</u>	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU
<b>Non-Thunderstorm Damaging Winds</b>							
<b>Snow</b>							
<b>Coastal Flooding</b>							
<b>River Flooding</b>							
<b>Thunderstorms</b> (Wind / Hail / Tornadoes)	Inland	Inland	Inland	Inland	Inland	Inland	Inland
<b>Fire Weather</b> (Low Humidity / Wind / Dry Thunderstorms)	All Regions	All Regions	All Regions	All Regions	All Regions	All Regions	All Regions
<b>Heat Risk</b>	Southern/ Inland	Southern/ Inland	Southern/ Inland	Southern/ Inland	Southern/ Inland	Southern/ Inland	Southern/ Inland
<b>Heavy Rain / Flash Flooding / Debris Flow</b>							
<b>Cold</b>							



No Impacts



Minimal Impacts



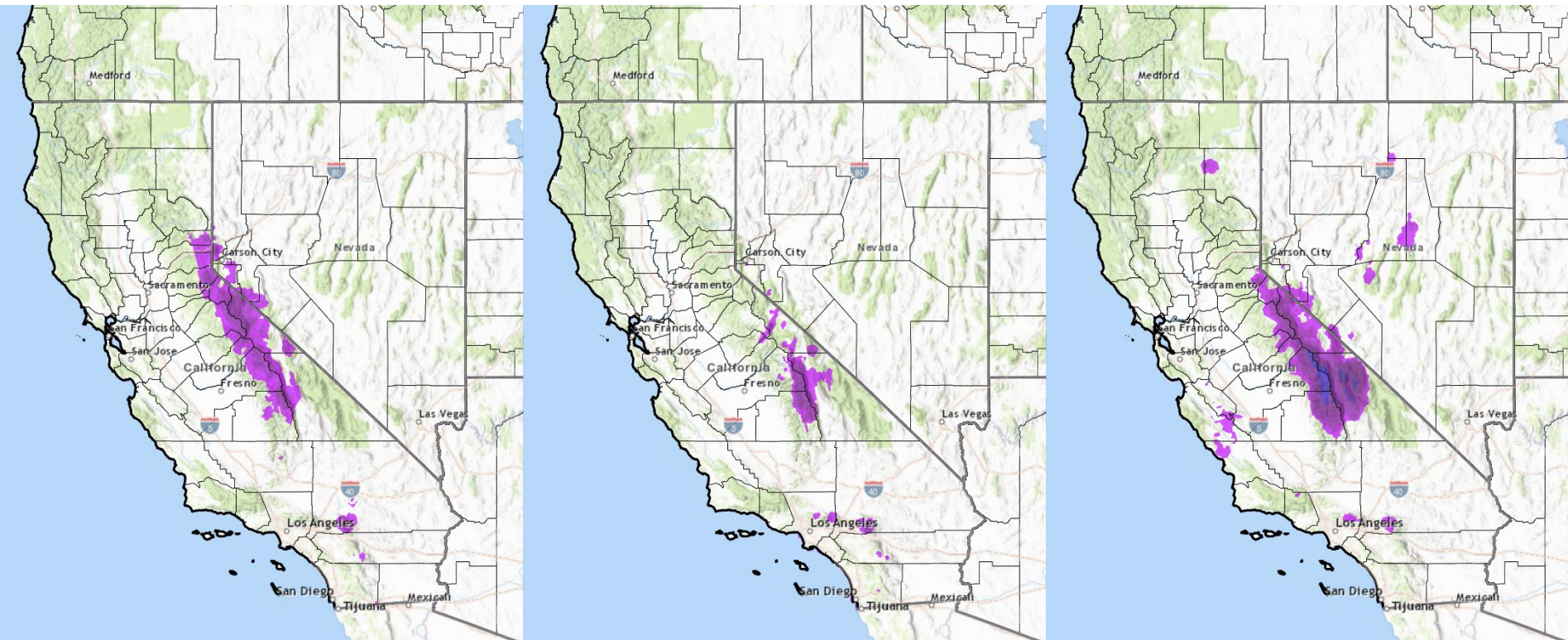
Moderate Impacts



Severe Impacts

# PRECIPITATION FORECAST

## 08/14/20 - 08/16/20



Friday

Saturday

Sunday

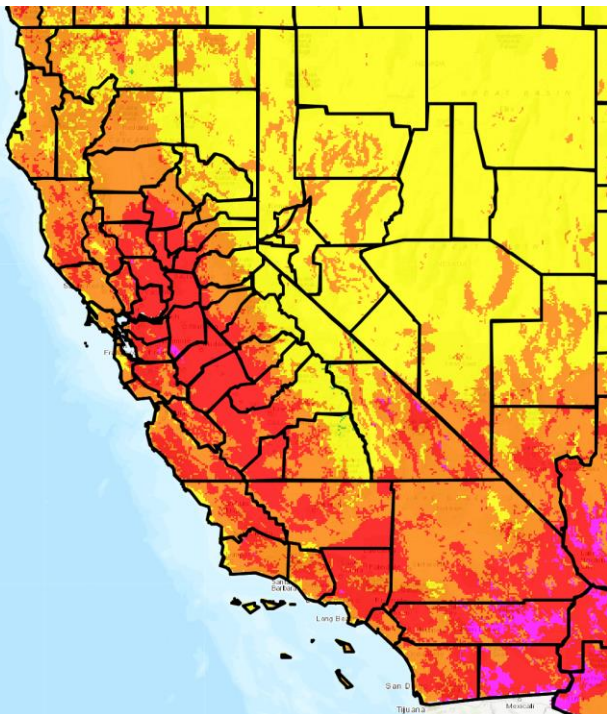
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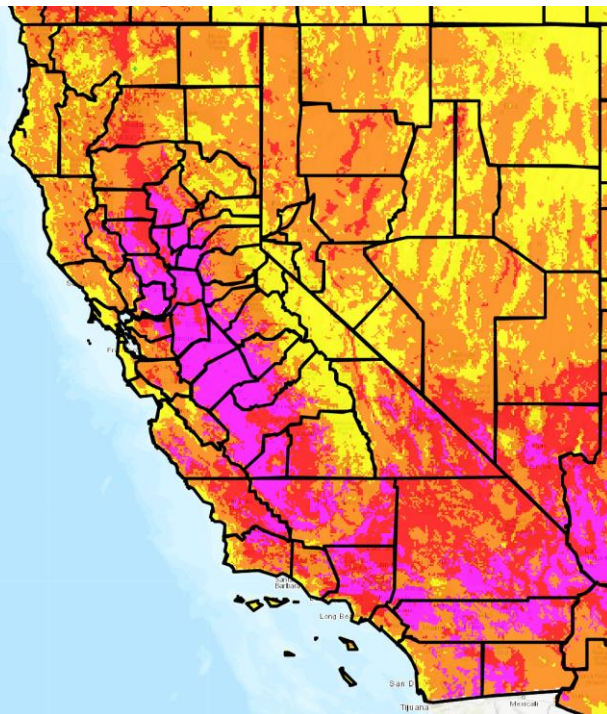


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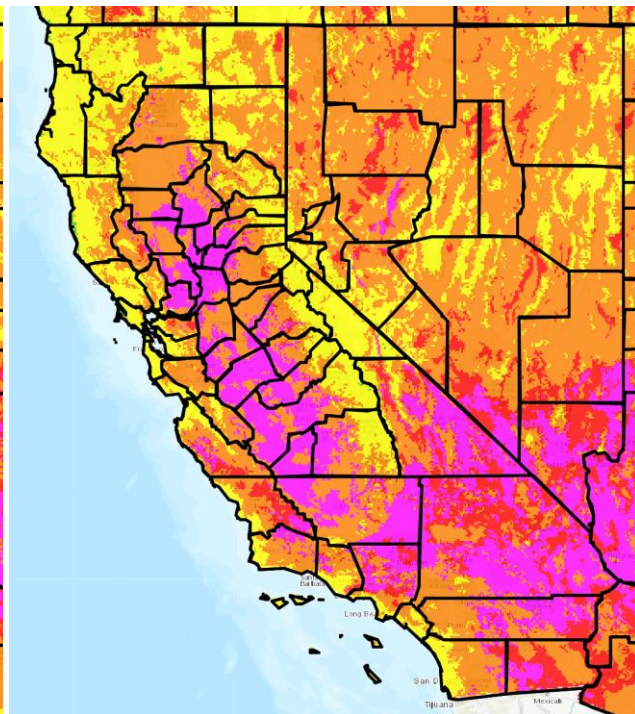
08/14/20 - 08/16/20



Friday



Saturday



Sunday

Category	Level	Meaning
Green	0	No Elevated Risk
Yellow	1	Low Risk for those extremely sensitive to heat, especially those without effective cooling and/or adequate hydration
Orange	2	Moderate Risk for those who are sensitive to heat, especially those without effective cooling and/or adequate hydration

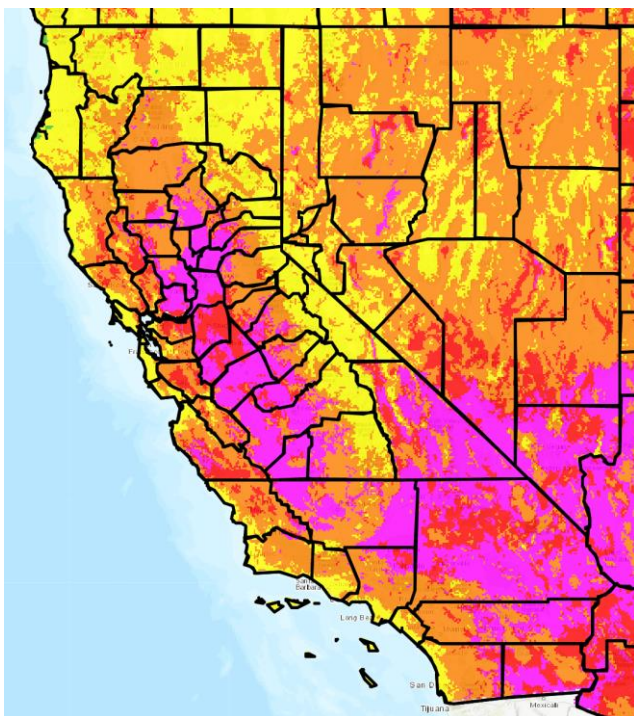
Red	3	High Risk for much of the population, especially those who are heat sensitive and those without effective cooling and/or adequate hydration
Magenta	4	Very High Risk for entire population due to long duration heat, with little to no relief overnight



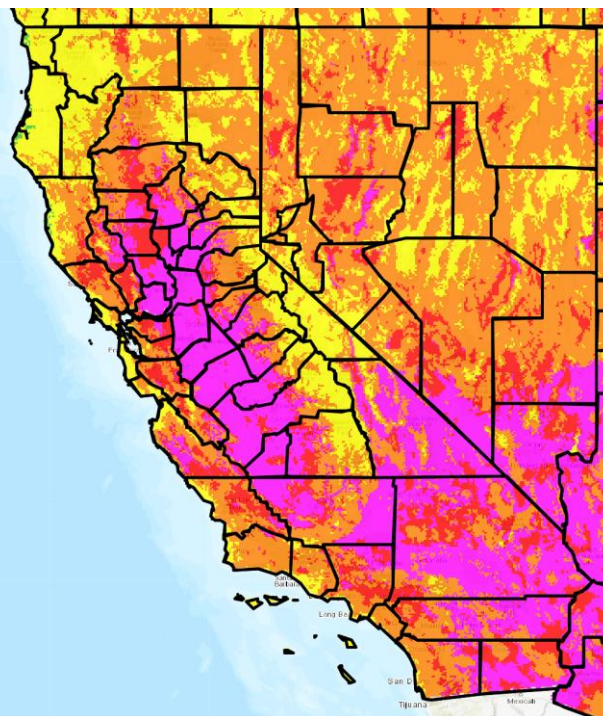


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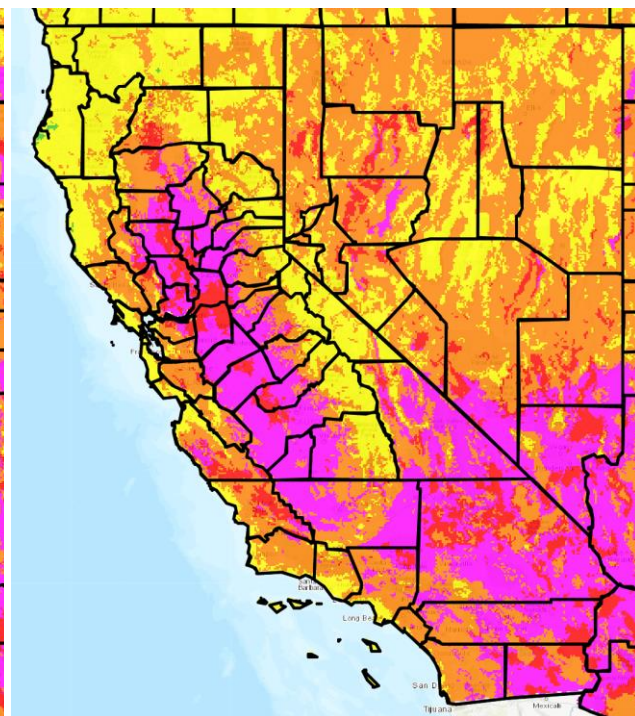
08/17/20 - 08/19/20



Monday



Tuesday



Wednesday

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# **WEATHER OUTLOOK**

## **08/19/20 - 08/27/20**

### **6-10 Day Outlook (August 19 – August 23)**

#### **Temperatures**

- Above normal temperatures strongly favored statewide, especially across interior southern CA

#### **Precipitation**

- Near normal precipitation expected across the northern half of the state; above normal precipitation slightly favored across the southern half of the state

### **8-14 Day Outlook (August 21 – August 27)**

#### **Temperatures**

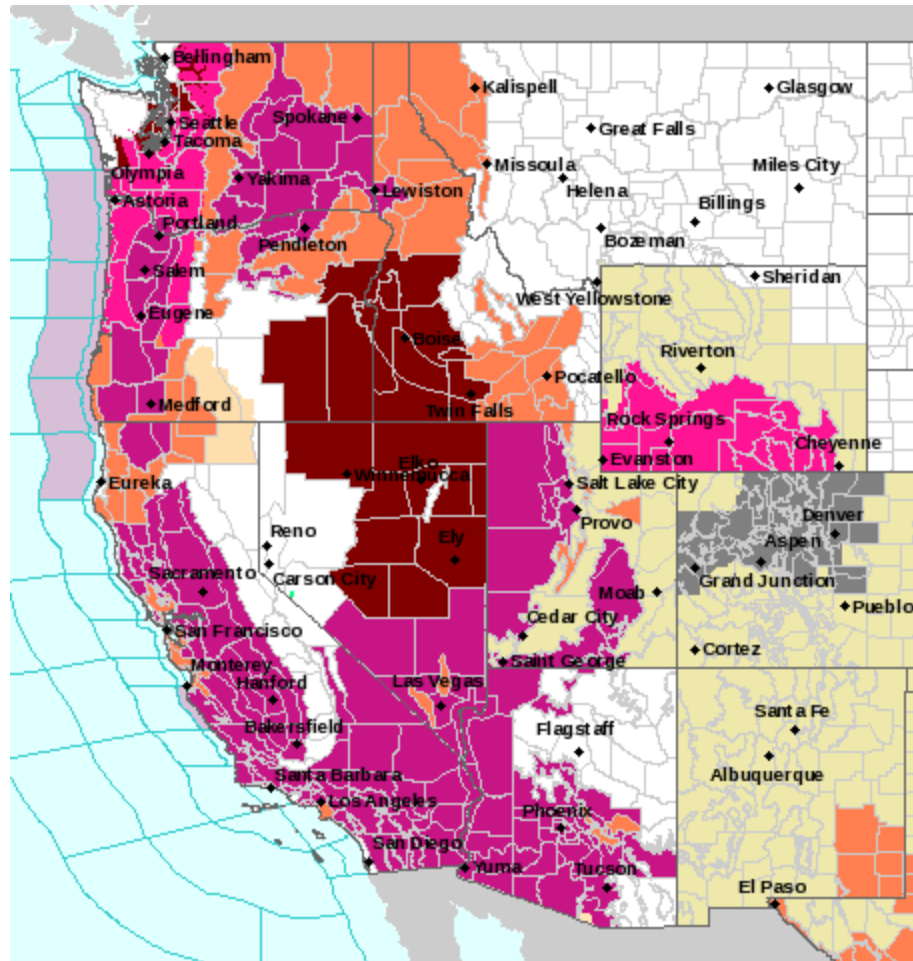
- Above normal temperatures likely to continue statewide, with above normal temperatures strongly favored across interior southern CA

#### **Precipitation**

- Near normal precipitation expected statewide, except for far southeastern CA where above normal precipitation is slightly favored



# WEATHER MAP



- [Severe Thunderstorm Warning](#)
- [Severe Weather Statement](#)
- [Excessive Heat Warning](#)
- [Red Flag Warning](#)
- [Heat Advisory](#)
- [Flood Advisory](#)
- [Small Craft Advisory](#)
- [Hazardous Seas Warning](#)
- [Excessive Heat Watch](#)
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# Cal OES LAW ENFORCEMENT MISSIONS

## Cal OES Law Missions

- None reported.

# **Cal OES MISSION TASKING**

## **Cal OES Missions**

- Please see attached California Health & Human Services (CHHS) Agency / Cal OES Joint Situation Report for additional details.



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